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Latest News

EPA Drops Bid To Revive CWA Rule Delay, Cementing National 'Patchwork'

EPA has voluntarily withdrawn its appeals of federal district court rulings striking down its delay of the Obama-era Clean Water Act (CWA) jurisdiction rule, cementing for now a nationwide "patchwork" of regulations on the law's scope that will persist until the White House finalizes a policy to repeal or replace the 2015 jurisdiction rule.

CASAC Attacks On EPA's PM Science Analysis Jeopardize NAAQS Review

EPA's Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee (CASAC) is condemning the agency's approach to assessing health risks of particulate matter (PM) and is seeking a new draft of a health study underpinning the ongoing review of the PM ambient air limit, a time-consuming step that jeopardizes EPA's plan to accelerate its review of the limit.

EPA Announces ORD Reorganization, Merging With Science Advisor Office

EPA has announced plans to overhaul its Office of Research & Development (ORD) that includes merging the independent Office of the Science Advisor (OSA) with ORD's policy office, a move some observers have previously warned could hinder OSA's independence but that others say addresses ongoing agency resource limits.

D.C. Circuit Judges Appear Likely To Remand Obama EPA Policy On HFCs

Appellate court judges at March 8 oral argument signaled they are likely to back calls from some refrigerant chemical manufacturers by remanding to EPA an Obama-era policy on replacing ozone-depleting or climate-warming refrigerants, over the objection of rival refrigerant makers and environmentalists.

House Democrats Eye Water Subsidies But GOP Fears EPA Rate-Setting Role

Key House Democrats are exploring the possibility of creating an EPA program for low-income households to help them pay for water and sewer services, a plan that previously has won bipartisan support in the Senate though House Republicans are questioning whether the plan would give the agency a role in setting local rates.

As Politics Shift, Colorado Energy Sector Faces Emboldened Opposition

Colorado's new Democratic-controlled legislature is advancing a sweeping bill that would restrict oil and gas development by affirming public health as the state's top priority instead of energy production, while the sector faces twin pressures in the form of planned environmentalist lawsuits arguing state drilling permits are too weak.

Daily Feed

House Democrats demand EPA, SAB answers on Harvey air monitoring

House Democrats are demanding documents from EPA, Texas and NASA over the apparent cancellation of a NASA air pollution monitoring mission over hurricane-struck Houston in 2017.

California's Schwarzenegger, de Leon launch plan to cut vehicle GHGs

The former politicians are joining with academics to develop policies to prod state and local governments to change how they plan and build transportation infrastructure.

Ewire: White House pressures US automakers to back GHG rule freeze

In today's Ewire: Trump administration officials met earlier this month with the "Big 3" domestic automakers, urging them to back its proposed freeze on fuel economy and greenhouse gas rules.

EPA Region 9 appears to drop objections to Arizona mine

The region's decision to drop long-running objections to a planned copper mine allows the Army Corps of Engineers to issue a Clean Water Act dredge-and-fill permit for the project.

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